CLASSIFICATION OFFICE DECISION

Title of publication:	Secrets Of Methamphetamine Manufacture 8th Edition
Other known title(s):	Secrets Of Methamphetamine Manufacture Including Recipes For MDA, Ecstasy, And Other Psychedelic Amphetamines (8th Edition)
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Classification:	Objectionable.
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Date of direction to issue a label:	No direction to issue a label has been issued

Summary of reasons for decision:

This book Secrets Of Methamphetamine Manufacture is the eighth edition of a publication, the fifth edition of which was classified as objectionable by the Classification Office in 2002 (OFLC 201077). The book is a specific and detailed instructional reference manual, including chemical formulae and techniques, for the clandestine manufacture of illegal drugs, predominantly methamphetamine. It encourages and promotes criminal acts to a high extent and degree, and includes information on how to avoid detection. Its availability is therefore likely to be injurious to the public good. The information in the book is likely to encourage the manufacture of illegal drugs, some of which cause widespread social harm. and encourage and increase the supply of such drugs for profit.

An objectionable classification interferes with the freedom of expression but this is an outcome that is consistent with Parliament's intention that publications promoting or encouraging serious criminal acts to a significant extent and degree are to be classified as objectionable. The classification is a significant limitation on the rights of New Zealanders to access reading material

of their choice. However, the rights in s14 must be balanced against the criteria in s3 of the FVPC Act and weighting has been given to the high extent and degree to which the book encourages and promotes criminal activity which result in wisespread public public harm. The classification is considered a reasonable limitation on the freedom of expression that reflects the concern of "a free and democratic society" to limit the availability of such publications.